



REGION 15 GREATER NY/NJ

HISTORY OF REGION 15

A DISCUSSION OF THE PAST TO THE PRESENT
FRIDAY MARCH 19 AT 7PM

Sweet Adelines - Beginnings...

- The first Sweet Adelines Convention was in Tulsa in 1947 including a competition including 12 quartets. At the convention a National Board of Directors was elected and voted all chapters would pay a \$5 chartering fee and .50 per member fee. 18 chapters chartered in the first year.
- The first Regional competition was in 1951 In West Bend, Wisconsin with 7 Wisconsin chapters competing.
- The organization becomes International when the first chorus charts outside of the USA in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada in 1953.
- In 1973, the first International Chorus Competition is held in Washington, DC, where more than 4,000 Sweet Adelines gather. This is more than twice the number registered for any previous convention.

Region 15 Choruses Chartered in

The Fifties

1957

Spirit of Syracuse

1959

Long Island Sound (was Eastern Suffolk)

The Sixties

1960

Heart of Long Island & Greater Nassau

1962

Evergreen (was Hudson Highlands)

1963

Twin County

1964

Island Hills & Harmony Celebration (was Ramapo Valley)

1968

Hickory Tree

1969

Golden Apple (was Shoreline)

Region 15 Choruses Chartered in

The Seventies

1973

Song of the Valley (was Kaatskill)

1977

Capitaland

The Eighties

1980

Jersey Harmony (was Millstone Valley)

1982

Liberty Oak

1985

City of the Hills

The Nineties

1994

Heart of New Jersey

1998

Seneca Soundwaves

The 2000s

2008

Saratoga Soundtrack

2013

Sirens of Gotham

2014 Harmonic Progression

Region 15 welcomes eight chapters from Region 16

Capitaland

Carousel Harmony

City of the Hills

River Valley

Saratoga Soundtrack

Seneca Soundwaves

Seven Valley

Spirit of Syracuse



Special Guest
Barbara
Wright



Thank
You!

Choruses that were...

These choruses were once part of Region 15 but have since disbanded or moved out of the region:

Blue Horizon
Brighton
Brooklyn
Carousel Harmony
Central Long Island
Colonial City
Hudson Valley
Jersey Shore
Madison Hill
Manhattan
Metro Rhythm
Monmouth Hills
Northwood

Purbrook Harmony (31)*
River Valley
Seven Valley
Shoreline
Singing Meadows
Sparta
Staten Island
Suburban Sound
Sunrise
Telge
Valley Forge (19)
West Essex
Westchester Hills



Special Guest
Marilyn
Block



Thank
You!

- - REGION 15 FUN FACTS - -



What fun facts
do YOU know?

Put them in the
comments or email
them to us!

Share Fun Facts



Albany

Philadelphia

Atlantic City

New York City

Regional Contest Locations



1967 International
Competition was held
at Carnegie Hall in
New York City

International

Special Guest



Judy
Rowell



Thank
You!

More Region 15 Fun Facts: (in no particular order!)

- In 1964 Eastern Suffolk sang at the World's Fair
- In the 70s the Saturday night show used to be a formal affair and members wore long gowns!
- Regional leadership included a Regent, a DMA, and chorus reps
- Each regional contest used to feature a new logo with a corresponding charm/stick pin/lapel pin
- George Avenier, director of Island Hills wanted everyone to be the same height on the risers so some members stood on boxes!

Even More Region 15 Fun Facts: (still in no particular order!)

- There used to be 3 regional weekends per year, each one hosted by a different chorus in a different area of the region
- Interchapter parties were popular!
- Choruses used to audition to host the regional convention before the creation of RCC and regional champs as hosts
- Always have had a backstage crew of husbands/significant others. They're the best!
- And now, here's Alexis with some info on the Syosset High School Adelettes!

Notable Region 15 Achievements

1957 - Cracker Jills, International Quartet Champions

1978 - Island Hills, International Chorus Champions

1979, 1986, 1990 - Ramapo Valley, International Chorus Champions

1992 - City Lights, International Quartet Champions

2002 - Ramapo Valley, Harmony Achievement Award

2005 - the "BUZZ", International Quartet Champions

2005, 2013, 2019 - Greater Nassau, Harmony Achievement Award

2018 - Sirens of Gotham, Division A Harmony Classic Champions



Special Guest



Jeannie
Froelich



Thank
You!

Thank you for joining us!



Special Guests

Marilyn Block
Barbara Wright
Judy Rowell
Jeannie Froehlich



Fun Fact Suppliers

Joyce Brandt
June Noble
Margaret Robinson
Stephanie Robinson
Carolyn Schmidt



Backstage

Tech Director
Alexis DePersia-Norelli

Comment Curator
Vicki Tisch

Join us at these upcoming virtual events!

- April 23 & 24 — Regional Festival Weekend
- May 14 — Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Roundtable
- June 18 — SAI Longevity & Chorus Milestone Celebration

Virtual events also planned for July through December - Stay tuned!